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## GLOOM WAS CHANGED TO HAPPINESS

### Young Couple Off For Oakland on Train 14

It was Harry Knoff and beautiful Florence M. Gibson, of West Newton, Pa., that journeyed from their home borough to this city to obtain a license that they might become man and wife. The way here had passed pleasantly for they had fond hopes of consummating their plans in Fairmont but the strict laws of the State caused a balk in the proceedings that were to make them happy. The information that they could not procure a license here caused a saddened look to pass over their faces and Knoff's heart hung like an anvil in his breast until it was suggested to him that Oakland was only a little ways in the distance and that train No. 14 which would carry them there left this city at 1:35. The gloom that came over their faces brightened with the hope ahead. Oakland was not far off and the laws of Maryland would not require the license to be granted in the county of the bride's home as is the case in West Virginia.

The couple went out on train No. 14. They had their faces to the east and looked as if they would succeed.

## LITTLE DOING AT CHARLESTON

### SENATE SIDE STEPS FINAL ACTION ON LOCAL OPTION MEASURE TO-DAY.

The expected battle over the Craig local option bill did not come up to-day, the Senate passing only two bills and taking a recess to allow the committee to do some extra work. The two bills passed were the Hatfield general license bill and his primary election bill. The House now gets these measures.

The House did a "raft" of small business to-day but none of the big measures came up for consideration.

Rev. Hickman Arrives.  
Rev. John T. Hickman, of Covington, Va., arrived here to-day on train No. 71. He will assist Rev. G. D. Smith in a protracted meeting at the First M. E. Church of this city.

## No Partnership WILL EXIST BETWEEN STANDARD OIL COMPANY AND STATE OF MISSOURI.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 9.—The popular idea that the Standard Oil company and the State of Missouri are making a partnership dicker is exploded by a statement published by Attorney General Major. Regarding the motions for a modification of judgment of ouster filed by the Standard Oil company of Indianapolis, he says:

"It is not an offer to do business in partnership with the State, but that the judgment of ouster be modified and the matter held in abeyance and in the meantime permit the company to do business under the eye of the court. If the court desired, it could under the modification, proceed at any time to render a judgment of final ouster."

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## LEGISLATORS ARE READY FOR PROBE

### INVESTIGATION OF STATE PENITENTIARY WILL COMMENCE TO-DAY.

WHEELING, Feb. 9.—Senator Flynn and Delegates Dennis and Warder, of the penitentiary investigating committee, arrived in Moundsville last evening. They were met at the depot by the penitentiary carriage and driven directly to the institution, where they spent the night. Senator Jake Fisher, of Braxton, and Delegate Colcord, the other two members of the committee, went through to Wheeling, where they spent the night. The committee will probably get down to work by noon to-day. J. W. Gillespie, of Romney, member of the board of directors of the penitentiary, also arrived in Moundsville last evening, accompanied by his brother, who is a member of the House of Delegates. They registered at the Clendenen Hotel.

Senator Fisher and Delegate F. C. Colcord were interviewed last night at the McElre Hotel about the plan of investigation the committee would follow. Both gentlemen said that no definite plan had been decided upon, and that they could make no positive assertion as to the course to be pursued.

Delegate Colcord said: "As we have to make a report to the legislature by the 15th, we may not be able to make a thorough investigation; it depends upon what develops. But we will go as deep into the matter as we can. We will have no time for saving the books audited; but we may recommend in our report that they be audited. We may call in papers not located at Moundsville, contracts, etc., if we think it necessary and have the time. I do not know what the committee will do, but I, personally, believe in having the investigation public. I cannot say what will be done in any of these matters; our plans will be decided to-morrow. I understand Moore will deliver the goods—all his friends say so—and he will attend the investigation."

Senator Fisher said that he "did not know the opinion of the others on the committee, and I do not know what plan will be followed. I am not in favor of a public investigation. I do not think auditing the books is necessary, and I do not think we will have time for it. It should not be tackled unless it can be done thoroughly. Our plan of proceeding will be left largely to the chairman of the committee."

## SEVERAL HURT IN R. R. WRECK

### OFFICIALS SAY SWITCH WAS TAMPERED WITH BUT THERE IS NO CLUE.

COLDWATER, Miss., Feb. 9.—Supt. H. McCort, of the Illinois Central Railroad, declared yesterday afternoon that the fast Chicago flyer on the Illinois Central, northbound, from New Orleans, which was wrecked here had been deliberately thrown into a "concocted" switch. There is no clue to the wreckers.

While the disaster is attributed to an open switch, railroad officials declare that no employee was responsible, and declare the switch must have been tampered with.

**The Dead:**  
Martin Stanton, Memphis, Seriously Injured.  
George B. Matthes, express messenger, legs broken.  
Musco Victoria, stealing a ride, badly bruised and cut.

George Barnett, Memphis, engineer, badly scalded, cut about the head.

L. F. Lieber, postal clerk, cut about head and shoulders.

Hugh Wickley, Memphis, badly hurt.

J. F. Stevens, Memphis, bruised and internally injured.

J. G. Neudorfer, superintendent of the Mississippi division of the Illinois Central, knocked unconscious and badly cut about face and head.

E. D. Cameron, baggage man, legs broken.

Mrs. C. L. Herbert, Brownsville, Tenn., arm and face cut and teeth knocked out.

Unknown Italian.

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## LIVELY WAS FIGHT OVER CRAIG BILL

### Blue got in Position To Keep Things Going To-Day

CHARLESTON, Feb. 9.—The scrappiest fight of the session was that in the senate yesterday afternoon when the Craig local option bill was ordered from its second to third reading after the Fisher substitute had been beaten. The opponents of the Craig bill resorted to all sorts of filibustering and dilatory tactics, but those behind it had their forces well in hand and carried every point. The vote by which the bill was ordered to its third reading follows:

**Ayes**—Ashburn, Bailey, Baker, Blue, Cossin, Craig, Hatfield, Gartlan, Johnson, Littlepage, McIntire, Meredith, Santee, Silver, Smith (of Raleigh), Zilliken—16.

**Noes**—Carroll, England, Grimes, Hazlett, Kidd, Ehlman, Smith (of Cabell), Sutherland, Forman—9.

Blue's vote in the affirmative means a renewal of the fight to delay action when the bill comes up on third reading for passage. He first voted in the negative, but changed his vote before the result was announced in order to be in a position to move for a reconsideration.

### Scheme to Delay.

The scheme of the opposition is to try to delay action until some of the absentees, who included Coffmann, Fisher and Flynn, return. Fisher however, was paired with White, so his absence makes no difference, and if both Coffmann and Flynn vote against the bill it will still carry if the sixteen who voted for it will stick by it. The question came up on Fisher's substitute to the Craig bill. Blue moved that it be made a special order for Thursday afternoon to give Fisher an opportunity to be present, he now being at Moundsville. This was lost by a vote of twelve to fourteen and the fun began. England moved to adjourn. A roll call was demanded and the motion was lost. Blue then moved to amend by making local option elections mandatory in each county. This carried. Another amendment by Blue to make the county the unit was lost by a vote of eleven to fifteen.

### Squabble Over Amendments.

A third amendment by Blue to the effect that any magisterial district which casts a majority on the dry side shall be dry regardless of the result in the entire country or city carried unanimously.

England proposed an amendment to the effect that cities of 5,000 population or over, instead of all incorporated cities, should be exempted from the county vote. This was lost. On (Continued on Page Five.)

## PERRY RECITAL WAS VERY FINE

### BLIND PIANIST GAVE PLEASING PROGRAMME AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Edward Baxter Perry, the famous piano lecturer, made his first appearance before a Fairmont audience last night under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Fairmont and he made a friend of every one in the audience before many minutes had elapsed.

While Mr. Perry is a blind musician, the fact claims no indulgence from his audience, for his artistic conception and rendition is not marred in the least by the affliction.

Mr. Perry is the originator of the lecture recital and last evening by the brief lecture which prefaced each selection enabled every man, woman and child in the audience to grasp the significance of the musical message. Perhaps the most beautiful selection which he rendered was *Sonata Op. 35* from Chopin, introducing four movements illustrating four different cantos in a beautiful Polish sketch. Other numbers of his programme were from Schumann, Liszt, Rubenstein, and a selection composed by Mr. Perry himself, *Ballad of Lost Island*, a word selection illustrating the terrible last island tragedy. To say that Mr. Perry's audience was a delight, one puts it rather mildly. His faultless playing, brilliant execution, and clever interpretation won the admiration of every one in the house.

Mr. Perry made his initial appearance here under the auspices of the Woman's Club through the Music Department. They are to be congratulated and heartily thanked by the public for this instructive and entertaining performance.

## ANTIS OUTWITTED IN THE HOUSE

### STATUTORY PROHIBITION BILL SLIPPED UP ON CALENDAR BY STRATEGY.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 9.—While the Senate was engaged in passing a liberal local option bill along the smooth highway, the prohibitionists in the House stole a march on the antis and pulled the Yost statutory prohibition bill up from its first to second reading on a motion to take it up out of order.

No roll call was demanded, but a standing vote was taken, showing a vote of 27 to 24 in favor of advancing the bill.

Advocates of the measure took advantage of the absence of several of those who were opposed to it. It gives them a gain of several days over the regular order of the calendar.

### Growing in Interest.

The meetings at the First Baptist church which began last week, are increasing in interest and attendance and the outlook for a revival of great power is brightening. Several have asked for special prayer in their behalf.

## BLACKHAND MYSTERY IS SOLVED

### Cook Confesses She Wrote The Letter

WHEELING, Feb. 9.—The authorship of the black hand letter to Mrs. Thomas B. Sweeney, of Highland Park, which promised at first to be a mystery of the most baffling nature, was discovered about 12:30 o'clock yesterday, when Mrs. A. L. Walker, nee Mary Hines, the cook at the Sweeney residence, walked into Mrs. Sweeney's room and in a most sensational manner recited how she had written the letter, and gave a complete confession of the case from beginning to end. Others of the household walked into the room while the broken hearted and sobbing woman was reciting the details of her net, which she afterward reduced to writing at the suggestion of others and which was taken into custody by Prosecuting Attorney Bernard Handlan.

The most pathetic circumstances surround the case. Not more than seven weeks ago Mrs. Walker lost her husband in Denver, Colo., leaving her with two small children, the oldest of whom is little more than two and a half years old, while the baby is hopelessly ill with tuberculosis. In the Bellaire railroad wreck, it will be remembered, two of her brothers were killed, while still another, the only remaining brother, was killed on the B. and O. railroad. In the face of all the trouble and the seemingly cruel fate which has pursued the family, the discovery of the daughter's guilt in the black hand case, has almost prostrated the aged mother with grief.

### Held in High Esteem.

After taking all phases of the case into consideration, Sheriff Clemens decided several days ago that Mrs. Walker was the guilty party. The Sweeney family, by whom Mrs. Walker was held in high regard, were very reluctant to believe her guilty, although at the close the evidence all pointed that way.

The confession yesterday might have been delayed several days had it not been for a conversation which took place between Mrs. Walker and the colored man, Henry Joyner. The house girl, Edna, being eliminated from the case, it had narrowed down to Henry and Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. Walker said to Henry: "They don't suspicion Edna any more."  
"No," he returned; "it's between you and me now, and the best thing the guilty party could do is to go and confess."

Five minutes later, Mrs. Walker, or Marie, as she was known at the home, entered the room where Mrs. Sweeney was sitting and said: "Mrs. Sweeney, come—"

She got no farther, for at that time Mrs. Sweeney interposed: "Marie, we know who did it."  
Marie could stand no more, and then and there collapsed. She broke down and wept bitterly for a few minutes, and between sobs she related to Mrs. Sweeney how she had placed the note under the mat demanding the five hundred dollars and that she was sorry she had given her so much trouble. The writing of the note, she said, was inspired by reading an article in Everybody's Magazine about the black hand.

Mrs. Walker evidently did not want the five hundred dollars, but merely wanted a reward of about twenty-five dollars from Mrs. Sweeney for saving herself and children from black hands, which was substantiated by the tactics she used.  
On Thursday when the letter was received, she saw that Mrs. Sweeney was greatly agitated over the affair and said to her, "Let me take the bundle down to Pryor's station and make it a bogus package." She kept on insisting that Mrs. Sweeney allow her to take the bundle of bogus money down and hide it at Pryor's station, where it was demanded to be left.

### The Letter.

The following is a copy of the letter found under the door mat on Thursday morning:

"Mrs. T. Sweeney:—  
"If you don't put \$50 in a paper and put it in Pryor's station by 8 to-night, we will kidnap your two boys. Do not dare to tell any one and come yourself so we will know you did not tell any one. Do not tell any one or

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## MR. DAWSON BUSY AT WASHINGTON

### HAD LONG TALKS WITH WEST VIRGINIA SENATORS AND RECEPTION AT HOTEL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Governor Dawson's day in Washington was a very busy one with conferences at the capitol with Senators Scott and Elkins, luncheon with the latter, and then an impromptu reception at the hotel. This was Governor Dawson's first visit of the year and he insists that his errand was on private business.

This did not prevent long talks with the Senators on West Virginia matters concerning pending legislation at Charleston. Regarding prohibition, Governor Dawson insists that the party must redeem the pledges of its platform as to the submission of the prohibition amendment, but he ventures no prediction as to the result of the fight. Governor Dawson compliments the present legislature urges longer sessions with annual salaries and insists on adequate mining inspection.

He denies that this visit has anything to do with his desire for a presidential appointment and he did not call on President Roosevelt. He left for his home last night after further conferences with Scott and other members of the West Virginia delegation.

## DAYTON MYSTERY NOT YET SOLVED

### DETECTIVES HAVE SOME CLEWS WHICH THEY ARE FOLLOWING DILIGENTLY.

DAYTON, O., Feb. 9.—Still groping for clues to the death of Elizabeth Fulhart, with not a scrap of information concerning the whereabouts of the girl previous to the crime, the police have been unable as yet to definitely settle upon a stable theory of the mystery, which continues to be the absorbing topic here. The authorities last night claimed to have information on which to base a belief that two girls answering the description of Miss Fulhart and the woman who was seen in her company, had applied for a place in a resort conducted by a woman in Pearl street. The date given by this woman is January 14th.

Jacob Ready, a shoemaker, whose shop is in the neighborhood of the Matthews home, where the body of Miss Fulhart was found, says two girls entered his shop on the afternoon of the same day. One of the girls, presumably Elizabeth Fulhart, had the heels of her shoes lowered, and the shoes were found on the dead girl's feet. According to Ready, his visitors admitted they had been drinking and said they were going to a theater. It was a short time after this that the Fulhart girl's sister-in-law says she saw them entering a moving picture show. The girls talked with two young men at the entrance of the show.

Detective Hendrickson has returned from Vandalia, Miss Fulhart's former home, with a mass of evidence which the police are now going over. Chemist Bliss, of Springfield, who is examining the dead girl's stomach, says it will be impossible for him to submit a report under a week.

### IN OLD KENTUCKY.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 9.—The fight to bring Kentucky into the ranks of State-wide prohibition commonwealths was begun here yesterday. A call to the field was issued by the State W. C. T. U. and the anti-saloon advocates, urging that the legislature be flooded with petitions "so that it cannot refuse to submit the question."

### NAVAL POLICY SETTLED.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—It is understood that cabinet ministers have come to an agreement on the question of a naval policy and that the new ship-building programme will include six Dreadnoughts.

## DIXIE

The "Always Good" Theater.

"Extra Good To-day."

### THE BRAHMA DIAMOND.

This is one of the best pictures we have ever presented, introducing our favorite actress again, whom we all enjoy seeing in the "Biograph" productions. See this picture sure.  
Song—  
"The Lily and the Sunbeam."

## TO RATIFY RAILROAD DEAL MADE

### Stockholders of the C. & O. Meet at Richmond

(Union Associated Press)  
RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 9.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company met in the general offices of the corporation to-day and ratified the action of the board of directors in authorizing a bond issue of \$30,000,000 for the purpose of permanently financing the road. J. P. Morgan & Co., and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., are said to have subscribed for the issue. The road is now under new management, and it is stated that it may form an alliance with other systems with the intention of eventually securing a terminus at both oceans.

Control of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, which, a little more than three years ago rested with the Pennsylvania railroad and New York Central systems, passed into the hands of Edwin Hawley, of New York, and his associates. It is declared that the change in control means more to Virginia and the south than is evident on the surface.

The holders of the majority stock, while stating emphatically that the management will not be changed, say just as emphatically that the methods will be changed, and changed radically.

Under the control of the Pennsylvania and Vanderbilt interests the Chesapeake and Ohio deteriorated, until most of its freight business was diverted to the Pennsylvania and allied roads, while the Virginia railway had to rely upon coal only for freight tonnage.

It is believed that another result from the sale of the Chesapeake and Ohio will be a big steamship line out of Newport News, the seaboard terminus of the road. Under the control of the Pennsylvania, all export business was diverted from the Virginia road and routed east over the Pennsylvania and New York Central to the ports of New York and Boston for foreign shipment.

If the Chesapeake and Ohio, under new ownership, goes after the Western export business, it is said that probably the road will be compelled to promote a transatlantic freight line from the port of Newport News. It is accepted here that under the changed conditions, likely to ensue in the management, a new era is about to dawn upon Newport News.

### PROTEST MADE.

Panama Minister Says His Government is Sore Because of Attacks Made by Rainey.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—C. G. Arosemana, the Panama minister, called at the state department and filed a protest from his government against the speech made in the house of representatives recently by Representative Rainey, of Illinois, in which President Obaldia, of Panama, was severely attacked. Secretary Bacon said that he expected to make a statement later.

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